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Death Notice

We regret to inform you of the passing of Reverend Francis Martin Breslin, S.J. in his 84th year on June 4.

Visitation will be in the Loyola Chapel on Monday and Tuesday June 6 and 7 from 2 p.m. until 10 p.m. A Concelebrated Mass will be offered in the Loyola Chapel on Wednesday June 8 at 11 a.m. Burial will be in the Jesuit Cemetery at Ignatius College in Guelph.

Father Breslin's life parallels that of Loyola, for he was born in Montreal in 1893, three years before Loyola opened its first classes on Bleury Street and five years before Loyola moved to a larger building on Drummond Street. It was in this building that Fr. Breslin attended High School and College between 1906 and 1913.

He entered the Jesuit Order in 1913, a member of the first class to study in the newly opened Jesuit Novitiate in Guelph. Fr. Breslin returned to Loyola as a teacher in 1916 and had the distinction of being a member of the first faculty to teach on the present Loyola Campus which opened that year.

He taught at Loyola off and on between 1916 and 1969 pausing first to study philosophy, then to complete his Theological Studies prior to ordination to the Priesthood in 1926 and finally to teach at Campion College in Regina. He is also remembered for his work as High School librarian between 1942 and 1969 and the new High School library was dedicated in his honour in 1975.

Although he "retired" in 1969, he was soon engaged in his second career, using his considerable printing and lettering skills in document work in the administrative offices on the campus.

In 1973 he celebrated his Diamond Jubilee as a Jesuit and in 1976 he celebrated the Golden Jubilee of his Priesthood.

His passing closes an era in the history of Loyola. Fr. Breslin will be fondly remembered by the thousand of students, teachers and friends who knew him.

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